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The Honorable Kelly Shaw Mayor, City of Indianola 110 N 1st St. Indianola, IA 50125

Dear Mayor Shaw:

On behalf of the Chicago Regional Census Bureau, I would like to thank you for meeting with our partnership staff recently to discuss collaborating with the Bureau for the 2020 Decennial Census. We are truly appreciative of your commitment to developing a 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) and appointing a member of your staff to serve as your Census Liaison. The census is one of the most important endeavors that we as a nation are constitutionally mandated to participate in every ten years. As you know, an accurate census is vital to our communities and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, businesses, roads/public transportation systems, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing populations.

Now that we have conducted our first partnership meeting with you and your staff, we kindly request that you provide us with the official contact person who will be representing you and the city of Indianola so that we may assist you and your staff in developing your outreach strategy for 2020. Additionally, we would like to request that you schedule training, and provide information regarding your official *Kick-Off* date for your CCC. To that effect, kindly return a signed letter to the address listed below. As part of our training, we will provide resources and important information for your team that will allow for a strong outreach foundation for your community.

Please know that we are here to assist you with CCC development, educating your residents and raising an awareness around the importance of the census. Additionally, we hope to work with your office to enhance our recruitment in your area, identify testing and training space and simply work with you and your staff to identify effective resources that will ensure a complete and accurate count.

I thank you again; my staff and I look forward to meeting you in the very near future, as well as working closely with you throughout the 2020 Census.

Sincerely,

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